

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sanjay Verma Conf. No. 5357
Serial No. 10/696,416 Examiner: M. Pyo
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING TRANSACTION CONCURRENCY BY EARLY RELEASE OF LOCKS IN GROUPS

Commissioner for Patents
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Responsive to the Office Action, dated March 1, 2007, please accept the following statement regarding the substance of the telephonic interview between Stephen S. Ford and Examiner Monica M. Pyo, initiated by Stephen S. Ford on March 1, 2007. There was no exhibit shown or demonstration conducted.

Claims 2 and 10 and the following prior art was discussed:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0205066 by Bahattacharjee et al.

U.A. Patent No. 5,497,483 issued to Beardsley et. al.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0220933 by Walker

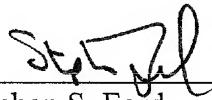
An agreement with respect to the claims was reached.

Applicant's representative discussed three issues:

- (1) the 37 CFR 1.131 declaration rejections: The Examiner explained why the exhibits A, B, & C do not constitute an actual reduction to practice and suggested to provide the mapping between exhibits and the claims recitations. Applicant's representative acknowledged the requirement;
- (2) 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejection: The Examiner suggested not to use the term "sort operations" since this term is not disclosed in the specification. Applicant's representative acknowledged understanding the Examiner's request;
- (3) 35 USC 103 rejection on claim 10: Applicant's representative proposed to add the limitation (i.e., "associated with the same activity identifiers") to

overcome the prior art of record. The Examiner agreed with such a proposal but required further search.

Respectfully submitted,
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